

CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

THURSDAY, February 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Community Conference Room
West Hollywood City Hall
8300 Santa Monica Blvd.
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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I. CALL TO ORDER:
A. Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Meeting of January 22, 2009

III. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:
Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Board for two (2) minutes on any issue of interest.

IV. Review of Meeting Productive Meeting Practices
Review of Board meeting practices, including basic Roberts Rules of Order.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Future Collaborations with NCJW/LA** (5- 10 min)
Ruth Williams, Director of Advocacy will discuss some of NCJW/LA's upcoming programming. The Board will discuss ways to collaborate with NCJW/LA on future community activities.
Recommendation: Review and discuss.

B. West Hollywood Kids Fair (5 min)

The Board will discuss participation in the annual West Hollywood Kids Fair on Saturday, April 18th at West Hollywood Park.

Recommendation: Review and discuss. Designate a planning subcommittee

C. Sponsorship of Young Women's Leadership Forum (5 min)

The Board will consider co-sponsoring a follow-up program to the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference that will focus on leadership development for young women in the community.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Women's History Month 2009 (10-15 min)

Updates regarding programming for the City's annual commemoration of Women's History Month. Members will sign up for subcommittees.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

1. Kick-off with banner unveiling
2. Women in Leadership Awards
3. Spoken Word Night
4. Lobby Display
5. Additional programming

B. DNA Rape Kits Audit (5 min)

Brief follow up report about the forum with Controller Laura Chick sponsored by NCJW/LA regarding the issue of unanalyzed DNA rape kits in both the LA County Sheriff Department and the Los Angeles Police Department.

Recommendation: Review and discuss

C. Women's Leadership Conference (5 min)

Brief report from staff regarding plans for the 3rd annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on March 20-21, 2009. Discussion of Board participation.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

VII. Legislative & Policy Issues Subcommittee (5 – 10 min)

The Subcommittee will give a report regarding various federal and state bills that address the Women's Advisory Board's stated legislative priorities of women's health, violence against women and pay equity.

A. Reviewed Legislation:

- **H.R. 20 (Rush) /S.324 (Menendez) Melanie Blocker Stokes MOTHERS Act (Mom's Opportunity to Access Health, Education, Research, and Support for Postpartum Depression Act)**
To provide for research on, and services for individuals with, postpartum depression and psychosis.
- **H.R. 293 (Buyer)**
To direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a grant program to provide reintegration services through programs and facilities that emphasize

services for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.

- **AB 119 (Jones) Health Care Coverage: Pricing/ SB 54 (Leno)**
This bill would prohibit health insurers from charging a premium, price, or charge differential because of the sex of specified individuals, even if the premium, price, or charge differential is based on statistical and actuarial data or sound underwriting practices. Currently, “gender rating” health insurance rates have led women to pay as much as 39% more for health coverage than men.
- **S.237 (Leahy)**
A bill to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections.

B. Follow-up & Updates

Review of legislative tracking document and previously discussed legislative issues.

Recommendation: Receive and file. Consider taking action as recommended.

VIII. Board and Commission Liaison Reports (5 min)

Brief reports from boardmembers who serve as liaisons to other city Boards and Commissions.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD: (5-10 min)

Brief remarks from Advisory Board members

X. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF: (2 min)

Staff will update the Women’s Advisory Board on issues within the Board’s purview.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women’s Advisory Board will adjourn to their next regularly scheduled meeting at 7pm on **March 26, 2009** the Community Conference Room at City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

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